

SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION

Or in absence of a quorum, a Committee thereof

————— MEETING SUMMARY —————

Cal WORKs Employment Center

900 E. Oak St., 2nd floor, Room 203

Stockton, CA

Wednesday, June 27, 2001, 5:00 p.m.

(APPROVED July 12, 2001)

1. Meeting commenced at 5:13 p.m.

Roll Call: Attendees were Commissioner Vera, Commissioner Fujii and Chair Mitchell. Chair Mitchell declared this meeting a Committee for Planning Process Workshop as there was no quorum.

2. Workshop on Strategic Plan revision

Greg Jacobs, Success by 6, gave an overview of their program. He described their program as a curriculum based home visit program that follows a lesson plan according to the number of visits. Educators are multi lingual and culturally diverse. When curriculum isn't appropriate they refer the family to an agency that can better help them with their particular issues. Participation is voluntary and recruitment is by referral from principals, churches, other agencies, teachers, etc.

Commissioner de Polo and Commissioner Gutierrez arrived at 5:35 and the committee workshop was declared by Chair Mitchell to be a Commission Meeting as there was now a quorum.

There was discussion on the family's response to so many different agencies providing home visits and the communication process between agencies during case management. The need for system integration was emphasized.

Mendel Uychutin with United Cerebral Palsy gave an overview of the program through Valley Mountain Regional Center. As part of the screening process in assessing special needs in infants, they are working on integrating and coordinating services to prevent duplication and better serve the child's needs. His program is targeting the 3-5 year old age group since there is a gap in services for this group. Speech capabilities are a focus, but there are difficulties with recruiting clinicians. The outcome tool used the most is a consumer satisfaction survey. Their Prop 10 program is a pilot for using video tape of sessions to be used by parents at home to reinforce what they have learned and show progress. They have created a lending library to make available difficult to

obtain items such as bathing chairs, altered car seats and other specialty items to assist the special needs child.

Paul Harder and Michele from Harder + Co. presented information that they had gathered on effective strategies and reviewing best practices of. 5 areas include:

- School Readiness Initiative
- Home Delivered Services
- Universal Access to Healthcare
- Early Childhood Development
- Increasing Professional Capacity

Handouts of the information were made available, and it was suggested that the Commission incorporate some of these items into their Strategic Plan.

Chair Mitchell adjourned the meeting at 6:17 p.m. due to the absence of Commissioner Vera, there was no longer a quorum, there for the meeting became a Committee thereof.

During the presentation, Universal Access to Healthcare and the barriers this type of program is facing was a prompt for Commissioner de Polo to suggest that Human Services Agency make a presentation of services available to the Prop. 10 fundees. P.C. stated that this is already being organized.

There are successful models that provide incentives for child care workers to increase their education and skills, which seems to promote a higher retention rate in the field. Commissioner Gutierrez stated that the value that society puts on it's early childhood development is a hindrance to the process of getting good quality people into childcare. Commissioner Fujii wondered which of the five items would be the quickest to implement. Mr. Harder responded with Early Childhood Development because so much is already in place, the others are still in model stages and new. Chair Mitchell summarized that we will continue to analyze this county's needs, keeping these items in mind, to help focus the effectiveness of the funds available.

3. Public comments

Victoria Simpson advocated for the Head Start program and how she personally believes what she learned through that program was successful for her. Bobby Bivens mentioned the long term benefits are better when education is started early on.

4. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to **Thursday, July 12, 2001 at Public Health Auditorium (1601 E. Hazelton Ave) at 7:00 a.m.**